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In the yeere of our Lord God,

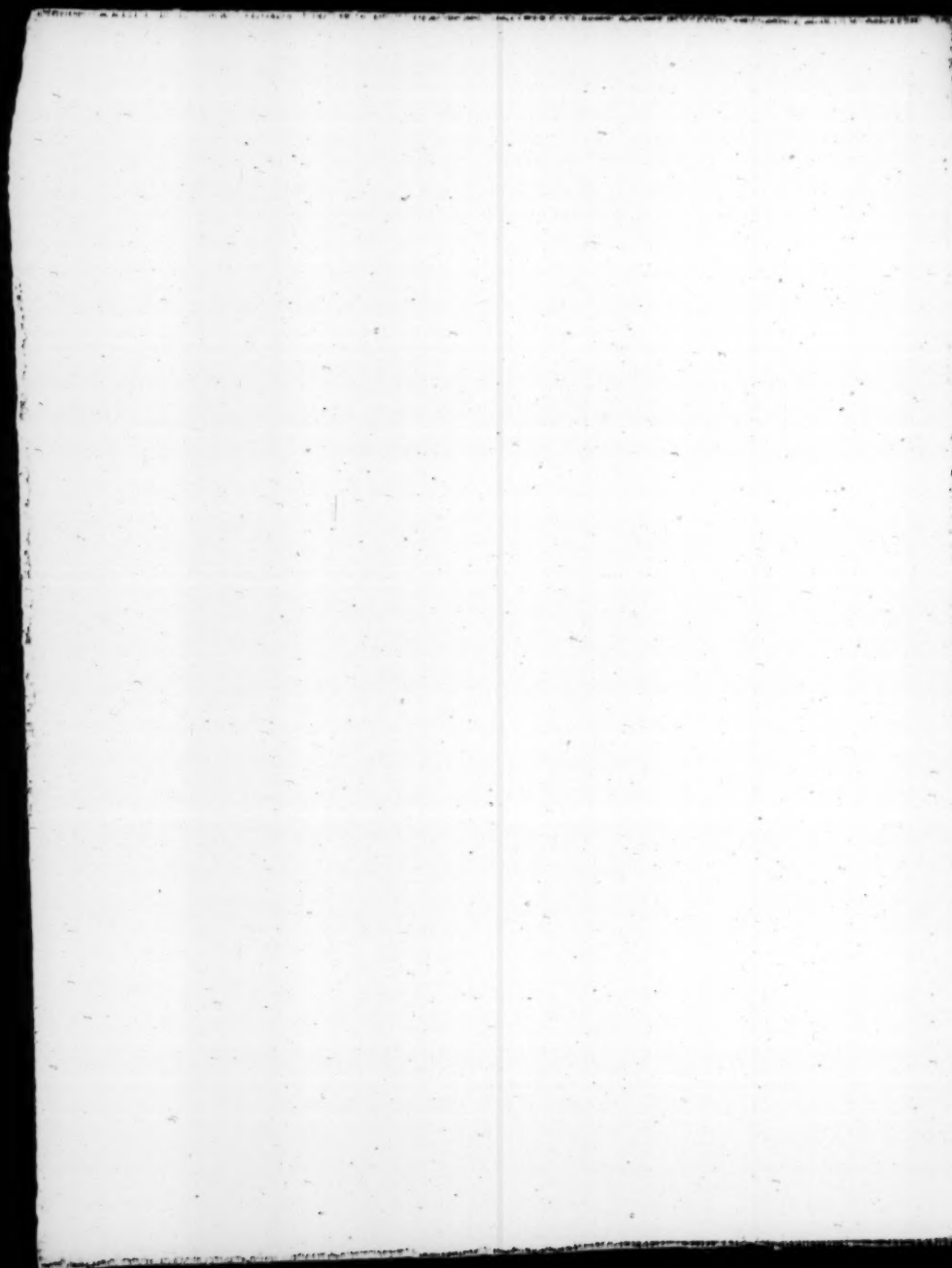
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**V**ether hath your Spinister read the constitutions set forth by his Maiessty, once euery yeare vpon some sonday or holiuaies in the afternoone befoze diuine seruice, according as by the Canons he is bound:

Whether doth your Spirit use to pray for the Kings Maiestie King James, and for the Quenes Maiestie the Prince and all their royall progeny, giuing vnto him such title and title of supreme Governour in all causes and ouer all persons, as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporal, as by lawe are due vnto him, exhorting their Parishioners to yeelde him obedience according to the same, and also in their seruons doe pray for all Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, according to the 55. Canon:

3 Whether is the prescript forme of diuine seruice vsed by your Minister vpon sondayes, holidayes wednesdayes & fridayes according to the booke of common prayer: and whether doth your Minister duly obserue all the orders, rites & ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of common prayer, as well in reading publique prayers, the Letany, as also in administering the sacraments in such manner & forme, wearing the surplices as by the booke of common prayer by lawe now established is intimated:

4. Whether both your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, & at such times as that every Parishioner, may receive the same at least thrice in every yeare, whereof one at Easter, as by the booke of common prayer is appointed; And whether both your Minister receiue the same himselfe on every day that he administreth it to others, knowing at the same, & administreth it to none but such as doe knowe at the receiving thereof, and vse the words of the institution according to the booke at every time that the bread or wine is received, in such manner and forme as by the Prouiso of the 31. Canon is directed, & wherein is his faultie, and whether is warning given by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth.

5 Whether hath your Synode admitted any notorious offenders, or  
 6 schismatics to the Communion, contrary to the 16. and 27. consti-  
 7 tutions, without satisfaction by due course of law before enioined them  
 8 reieated any from the communion: who were first by publike pre-  
 9 sentment or other open scandal infamous and detected of some noto-  
 10 rious crime by common fame published in the parish?

6 Whether the Minister together with the Churchwardens & A new  
more, doe take diligent heed and care, not onely that all and euerie of

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your stone parishioners, nor receive them in every part as strangers: but also that no strangers of any other parish doe surrende their stone  
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 7 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens, and Eldermen pre-  
 sented unto the Lord Bishop or his Chancelor within forty dayes after  
 Easter the names of all the Parishioners, as wel men as women, to which  
 being above 16. yeres of age, received not the Communion, at, or  
 about Easter before, according to the 11. Canon.

8 Whether doth your Minister dye to signe the Children with the signe  
 of the crosse, when they are baptized, according to the Booke of common  
 prayer, and the thirtieth Canon: and whether he hath deferred, or wilful-  
 ly refused to baptize any infant in his parish being in danger, having  
 bene duly informed of the weakenesse thereof: and whether the child  
 hath dyed in his default without baptisme, contrary to the 68 and 69  
 Canons?

9 Whether is your Minister continually resident with you upon his be-  
 nefice: or for how long time hath he bene absent: and where is he resi-  
 dent for the most part: and what other benefice hath he?

10 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, preach usually ac-  
 cording to the constitutions, either in his owne Church with you once a  
 rie Sunday, or else in some other Church or Chappell nere adjoining,  
 where no Preacher is, according to the 45 Canon: or how hath he bene  
 negligent in that behalfe?

11 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed: If yea, then by  
 whom: If no, whether doth he procure Sermons to be preached among  
 you once in every moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licensed,  
 according to the 46 Canon: or doth he contribute towards a licensed  
 Preacher, if his living will beare it?

12 Whether hath your Minister another benefice: and whether doth  
 he supply his absence by a Curate, that is sufficiently licensed to preach  
 in that cure of his whereon he himselfe is not resident: or other wise in  
 case he doth not find a preaching Minister there, by reason of the small-  
 nes thereof, whether doth he preach at both his benefices usually him-  
 selfe, according to the 47 Canon.

13 Whether is your Curate licensed to serve by the Lord Bishop of this  
 Dioces, or by any other, and by whom: Whether doth your Minister  
 or Curate serve any more cures then one, contrary to the 48 Canon:  
 If yea, then what other cure doth he also serve?

14 If your Minister be not licensed to preach as aforesaid, whether doth  
 he reade Homilies, or rather take upon him to expound the Scriptures,  
 either in his owne cure, or else where contrary to the 49 Canon: if you be  
 you are to present him, specifying the place where he so doth preach



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15 Whether hath any person bene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you have not known to be sufficiently licenced: whom have you so admitted: you shall present their names: and how often have any such bene admitted to preach, & by whose procurements: And whether have you caused every strange preacher, licenced or not licenced, to subscribe his name together with the day when he preached according to the 50. and 51. Canons: And if he were licensed, then by whom was he licenced: And whether have they, or any other, preached in your Church not being soberly and decently apparelled, according to the 74. Canon:

16 Whether doth your Pastor or preacher read Divine service, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person twice every yeare observing all the ceremonies in the booke of common prayer established, according to the 56. Canon:

17 Whether doth your Minister wear the Surpells, whilst he is saying publique prayers and administering the Sacraments: And if hee be any Graduate, whether then doth he wear also upon his Surpells, during the times aforesaid, such a hood as by the orders of his University is agreeable to his degree, according to the 58. Canon:

18 Whether doth your Minister, every Sunday, & Holiday, before evening prayer, for half an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth, and ignorant persons of his parish, in the ten Commandments, the Articles of Beliefe and in the Lords prayer, as also in the Catechisme last set forth in the booke of common prayer, wherein the children of the parish may be prepared for confirmation, according to the 60. Canon:

19 Whether hath your Minister without licence from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Dioces, or his Chancelor, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the Banns not being three severall Sonndays or Weekndays first published, in time of Divine service, in the severall churches or Chappells of severall parishes, according to the booke of common prayer and the 62. Canon: and that also betwixt the hours of eight and twelve in the forenoon, contrary to the 101. Canon.

20 Whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons, being under the age of 21. yeres, although the Banns be twice asked before such time as the Parson hath made knowne unto him their consent therunto, contrary to the 62. and 100. Canons: & whether hath he married any of another Dioces: who are they: and by what authority, and when:

21 Whether doth your Minister twice in sundry of morning prayer declare unto the parishioners what holidays & fasting daies are appointed to be kept, the weeke following, according to the 64. Canon, whereby they may be put in minde to observe themselves accordingly, and to repair

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repaire to Church to publicke prayer as by law they are bound.

22 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation daies vse the Perambulation, moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits, sing such Psalmes, Prayers, Vnities as are to that end set forth.

23 Whether doth any man (being neither Minister nor Deacon) read common Prayer openly in your Church or Chappel, or administer the Sacrament of Baptisme, or solemnize matrimonie, or take vpon him to practise any other ministeriall dutie in the Church, that is prescribed to be executed by such as are either Ministers or Deacons: And what is his name that so doth?

24 Whether doth your Minister euery five Moneths denounce in his Church all such of his parish as doe perseuere in the sentence of excommunication not seeking to be absolved: And whether hath he admitted any person excommunicated into the Church without a certificate of his Absolution, from the Ordinary or other competent Judge vnder seale.

25 Whether doth your Minister being a Preacher, endeavour and labour diligently with mildnesse and temperance to conferre with, and thereby to reclaim the Popish Recusants in his parish from their errors, if there be any such there being: And whether is he painefull in visiting the sicke according to the booke of common prayer and the Canons in that case provided:

26 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate so much frequent or ouer conversant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion?

27 Whether hath your Minister or any other taking vpon him the place of a Minister, preached, baptized children (vntlesse in case of necessity) solemnized marriage, churched any woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any private house or houses: If yea, then where: whom when: And how often hath he so offended in any of the premises?

28 Whether hath your Minister taken vpon him to appoint any publicke or private fasts or prophesies not appoyned and established by law or publicke authoritie: Or hath he attempted, vpon any pretence either of possession or obsession, by fasting and prayer to call out diuels contrary vnto the 72. Canon:

29 Whether hath your Minister or any person or persons within your parish vsed to meete in any private house or other place, and to hold private conuenticles contrary to the 73. Canon: If yea, then you shall present them all and euery one of them.

30 Whether doth your Minister vse such decency and comelinesse in his apparell as by the constitution is inioyned aswell at home as when he goeth abroad:

31 Whether doe you know in your parish any that hauing heretofore taken

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taken vpon him: or them the order of Priesthood: or of a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Lay-man, neglecting his vocation: If yea, then you shall present his name and the place of his aboad.

32 Whether is your Minister noted: or defamed to haue obtained his Benefice by Simonie, or reputed to bee an incontinent person, or doth keepe any man: or woman in his house that are suspected either to be of euil Religion: or of bad life, or himselfe to be a common drunkard, or to be a common haunter of Tavernes, Alehouses, or other suspected places, a common Gameller: or plaier at dice: or other vnlawful games, a common swearer, or notorious person, or faultie in any other crime punishable by ecclesiasticall censures, wherby he is offensive and scandalous to his function: or ministerie.

33 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of thanksgiving to women after their childbirth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with childe in adulterie: or fornication, without license of his ordinarie: And whether haue any married wiues refused to come to Church according to the booke of common-prayer to giue God thanks after child-birth: If any be faultie herein you shal present their names.

34 Whether doth your Minister baptize any children in any Fason: or other vessell then in the ordinary Font being placed in the Church according to the 81. Canon, or doth vse to put any fason into it?

35 Item whether is the prescript forme of diuine seruice vsed by your Minister, vpon the eues of Sondaies and Holidaies according to the booke of common-prayer: and doth he reade the Letany vpon every Wednesday and Friday as is required by the 15. canon: and whether doth every house-houlder of your parish dwelling within halfe a mile of the Church come: or send thither accordingly.

36 Item whether hath your Minister married any without a ring: hath he admitted any to be God-father, or God-mother, to any child that hath not receiued the Communion: doth he refuse to burie any which ought to be interred in christian buriall, or deferre the same longer then he should, or burie any in christian buriall, which by the constitutions of the church of England ought not so to be interred.

37 Item whether hath your Minister vsed the prescript forme of thanksgiving for his Priestlies deliuerance vpon the fift of August and the fift of November according to the ordinance in that behalfe.

38 Item whether doth your Minister and such others that preach in your church: or chapple, or reade any Lecture: or Homilie, before and at the beginning of euery such Sermon, Lecture: or Homilie, moue the people to ioyne with him in praier, in such manner, & forme, and to such effect.

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effect as in the 55. Constitution is contained, and yet you have not made  
 therein your said protest in his name.

39 Item together with there being any publique exposition becometh  
 preacher and preacher, in your Church or Chappell, touching any mat-  
 ters of doctrine, or otherwise formally preached by any other preacher  
 either in your parish church, or in any other Chappell more adjoining:  
 for the avoiding of offence and inconvenience that may grow thereby.  
 you are diligently to observe the directions of the 53. canon, and so to  
 prevent it.

40 Item together with your Minister taken especiall care to prepare  
 the children and youth of his parish (not being as yet confirmed) to be  
 made fitt for confirmation against this next visitation, or in whom is  
 the fault.

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61 **V** Whether have you in your severall Churches & Chappels  
 the booke of constitutions or Canons ecclesiasticall re-  
 ceived to be read by your Minister according to his Masters pleasure, pub-  
 lished by his highnesse authoritie under the great seale of England?

62 **2** Whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Re-  
 gister booke provided for christnings, marriages, and burials: And whe-  
 ther is the same duly and exactly kept according to the constitutions in  
 that behalfe provided, and a transcript thereof brought in yearly with  
 in one moneth after Easter into my Lord Bishops Registers office?  
 And whether doth your Minister upon every Sunday read the names  
 of all such as have bene married, christned, or buried the week before?

63 **3** Whether have you provided the booke of common prayer lately  
 commanded by his Masters authoritie only to be used, together  
 with a Bible of the largest volume, and last translation; the two bookes  
 of thanksgiving for his Masters deliverance upon the 5. of August  
 and fiftie of November; and the booke of Homilies, and two Psalters:  
 and whether have you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone  
 set up in the most convenient usuall place, a convenient and decent Com-  
 munion Table standing upon a frame with a carpet of like or some o-  
 ther decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Com-  
 munion tyme: And whether is the same table then placed in such con-  
 venient sort within the Chancell of Church as that the Minister may  
 be best heard in his prayer and administration, and that the greater  
 number may communicate: And whether are the ten Commandments  
 set up on the East end of your Church or Chappell where the people  
 may best see and reade them, and other sentences of holy scrip-  
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care together on the wallies like toise for the same purpose :

4 Whether haue you a convenient seate for your Minister to reade seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a convenient place with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surpells, a faire Communion Cup of Silver, and a cover agreeable for the same, a standing pot of pewter or purer metall to put the wine in, whereby it may be set vpon the Communion table at the time of the blessing thereof, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of Divine seruice and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong chest for the almes of the poore, with three lockes and keyes, and another chest for the keeping of the Dynaments of the Church, and Register Booke :

5 Whether are your Church or Chappels with the Chauncels thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicariedge house, and all other housing thereof, belonging, in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, as well within as without, the seates well maintained, your Churchyards well fenced and kept without abuse according to the 8. Canon: If not, then thorough whose default & what defects are: All these things in these Articles, to be prepared, according to the Canons vnder the title appertaining to Churches.

6 Item whether haue you a terrier of the glerbe-lands, and other rights, duties and possessions belonging to your Parsonage and Vicariedge: if no: then to enquire thereof vpon the view and knowledge of honest substantiall men, within your parish, together with the aduice of your Person and Vicar, and the same so made to certifie and bring vnto vs, that it may be safely kept in our Registre *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, at this our first episcopall visitation.

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1 **V**Whether do you know or haue heard of any payment, composition, or agreement, to, or with any exercising ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this Dioces, or any their Registers or officers Ecclesiasticall, for suppressing or concealing of excommunication, or other Ecclesiasticall censure, of, or against any Recusant: what summe of money or other consideration hath bene received, or promised by, or to any of them for concealing of them: by whom, and with whom:

2 Whether any vsing Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction in this Dioces, their Registers, Actuaries, Apparitors, or Summoners, haue at any time winked at, and suffered any adulterers, fornicators, incests, or other faults or offences presented vnto them, to passe and remaine unpunished



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shed and vnto:retted, for money, rewards, byibes, pleasure, friendship, or any other partiaill respect :

3 Whether hath any exercising ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this Dioces, or any Register, Apparitoz, or Minister belonging to the Ecclesiasticall courts, created extrao:diinarie or greater fees then heretofore of late haue bene accustomed : and whether is there a Table of the rates of al fees set by in seuerall courts and offices, or whether they or any of them haue taken vpon them the office of Informers or Promoters to the courtes, or any other way abused themselves in their offices contrary to the law and canons in that case prouided :

4 Item, are your Ecclesiasticall Judges and their substitutes masters of Arts, or Batchelloz of the Law at the least, learned and practised in the ciuill and ecclesiasticall Lawes, men of good life and fame, zealous affected in Religion : and iust and vpright in executing their offices : haue they heard any matter of office priuately in their chambers, without their two:ne Registers, or their Deputies presence: do you know, or haue you heard of any summes of money to be taken by them, or any of their officers, of any dying intestate, vpon pretence to bestow the same *in pios vsus*, and how hath the same bene bestowed :

5 Item, what number of Apparitoz hath euery seuerall iudge Ecclesiasticall, and wherein, and in what manner is the country ouerburthened with them : and whether haue they caused, or summoned any to appeare in the said courts without a presentment or a citation first had, or whether haue they threatned any to prosecute them in the said courts, if they would not giue them some rewards : and what byibes in that behalfe haue they taken :

6 Whether hath there bene within your seuerall Parishes since the day of last past any wills proued or administrations graunted by the Archdeacon and his Official : or any knowne incontinent persons : or any suspected of that vice, or any other offenders whatsoeuer ( hauing not befoze the said day of last past bene duly presented by their Churchwardens ) for the same bene called or cited by the Archdeacon or his Official : If yea, then you must present their names, and their offences, now at this visitation, for that since the said day of last the Archdeacons authoritie was restrained and suspended by inhibition, and al iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall euer since hath bene in the L<sup>ord</sup> Bishop,

## Articles concerning Schoolemasters.

1 **VV** Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your parish openly or priuately in any Noble or Gentlemans house



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house, or in any other place, be of good & sincere religion, life, and conversation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing up of youth, & whether they haue bene examined, allowed, and licenced for Schoolemasters by the Ordinarie in that behalfe: and how many severall Schoolemasters haue you? and what be their names?

2 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters doe themselves receive the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe, and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacity by instruction to receive the Lords Supper, come to the Communion either in your Church, or where their Parents dwel, once euerie yeare, and be diligent to heare common-praier?

3 Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters either private or publicke do teach their schollers the Catechisme authorisid by publicke authoritie, at the least once euerie week, and do instruct & examine them in the same, or do teach any other Catechisme, and what Catechisme it is that they do so teach?

4 Whether your Schoolemaster, or Schoolemasters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to reade vnto their schollers priuately any vnlawful books, or priuately to instruct them in their yong pères either in Poperie, superstition, or disobedience, or contempt to his Maiestie, and his lawes Ecclesiasticall by publicke authoritie allowed?

5 Whether your Schoolemaster, or Schoolemasters, or any of them vnder pretence of Catechising their schollers, which is a most godly order carefully by them to be obserued, do keepe Lectures, readings or exposition in diuinitie in their houses, hauing repaire vnto them of people not being of their owne familie and household?

6 What Recusant Papists are there in your parish: and whether doe they, or any of them keepe any Schoolemaster in their house, which cometh not to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, & receive the Communion: what is his name: and how long hath he taught?

7 Whether the Schoolemasters within your parish doe teach his or their schollers any other Grammar then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammar, set forth by the authoritie of H. Henry the eight, teaching the prescript forme thereof, whereby their schollers may perfectly vnderstand their Grammer rules and constructions?

## Articles concerning the Parishioners, and other of the Laity.

1 **V**Whether is there any in your parish, that hath or dooth impugn the Kings Maiesties supremacy, and authoritie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or doe any way or in any part impeache the same, being restored to the Crowne by the lawes of this Realme established in that behalfe?

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1 Whether is there any in your parish, that denieth the Church of England by law established vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, to be a true and Apostolicall church, teaching and maintaining the doctrine of the Apostles?

2 Whether is there any in your parish, that doth impugn any of the Articles of Religion agreed vpon in Anno 1562. and established in the Church of England?

3 Whether is there any in your parish, that doth impugn or speak against the rites and ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them: you shall present their names.

4 Whether are there any in your parish, that do impugn the government of the Church of England vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie by Archbishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming that the same is Antichristian or repugnant to the word of God?

5 Whether is there any in your parish, that doe impugn the forme of consecrating & ordaining of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, affirming that the same is repugnant to the word of God, or that they who are so ordered in that forme, are not lawfully made?

6 Whether is there any in your parish, that doth hold or frequent any conventicles or priuate meetings, and there do conferre or agree vpon any priuate orders, other then such as are by the Canons set forth by publique authoritie, to be by them or any others in Church government obserued?

7 Whether any person haue lured and tipped in Taniernes, or Ale houses, on Sondays or other holidiays, or vsed his or their manuell craft or trade, or kept their shops open vpon the said daies, or any of them, and especially in the time of Divine seruice?

8 Whether are there any in your Parish, that doe or haue profaned the Lords day called Sunday, or other Holidiays, contrarie to the orders of the church of England, prescribed in that behalfe?

9 Whether hath any person in your Parish quarrelled, or stricken or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in the Church or Churchyard, or vsed himselfe disorderlie in the Church, by filthy and profane talke, or any other rude and inmodest behaviour?

10 Whether is that due reuerence and humble submission vsed with in your church or chappell in the time of Divine seruice, as by the constitution is prescribed: and whether each one in the Church or chappell doe apply and order himselfe there in time of Divine seruice.

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as by the latter part of the same constitution is most commendably en-  
treated :

12 Whether the Churchwardens and Auelmen from time to time  
do their diligence in not suffering any idle persons or loiterers, to abide  
either in the Churchyard or Church porch in service or Sermon time,  
but causing them either to come into the Church to heare diuine ser-  
uice, or to depart, and not to disturbe such as are hearers there :

13 Whether the Churchwardens doe provide against euery Commu-  
nion with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white  
bread, and of good and wholesome wine, for the number of the commu-  
nicants, that shall receiue, and that to be brought in cleane and sweet  
standing pot of pewter or other pure metall.

14 Whether haue any in your Parish bene Godfathers or Godmo-  
thers to their owne children : Or whether your Minister, or any  
Godfathers or Godmothers haue bled or doe vse any other soene,  
answere, or speech in Baptisme, then is in the booke of common praier  
appointed : or whether any which haue not communicated, be ad-  
mitted to be Godfathers or Godmothers, contrarie to the twentieth  
ninth Canon :

15 Whether is there any in your parish, that doth refuse to haue their  
children baptized, or themselves to receiue the communion at the hands  
of your Minister, because hee is no Preacher : you shall present their  
names. And if your Minister since the publishing of the said booke of  
Canons, haue receiued any such persons (being not of his owne care)  
to the communion, or baptized any of their children, you shall likewise  
present him :

16 Whether doe all the Fathers, Mothers, Pastors, & Mistresses cause  
their children, seruants and apprentices to come to the catechisme vp-  
on the Sondayes and Holidaies befoze euening prayer to heare and to  
be instructed and taught therein : and those that doe not their duties  
herein, you present their names.

17 Whether haue you or your Predecessors, Churchwardens suffe-  
red any playes, feasts, banquets, church-ales, drinkings or any other  
profane vsages, to be kept in your church, chappels, or churchyard, or  
bels to be rung superstitiously vpon holidaies or Eues abrogated by  
the booke of common prayer, contrary to the 88. canon :

18 How many inhabitants within your Parish, men or women a-  
bove the age of sixteen yeres, do refuse to frequent diuine service as  
habited by public authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy  
Communion, or are negligent therein : what be their names : and of  
what degree, state, or trade of life are they : you are to present them all  
at both parts.

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- 19 Whether haue you or your Predecessors brought vnto my Lord Bishop or his Chauncellour, within forty daies next after Easter, the names of all such as haue not communicated that Easter before, contrary to the 11. Canon?
- 20 Whether do any of the Inhabitants of your said parish entertaine within their house any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resozters and guests, who refuse to frequent Diuine service, or receiue the holie Communion as aforesaid: what be their names: of what quality or condition are they?
- 21 Whether are any of the said Popish Recusants of insolent behaviour not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselves in seducing and withdrawing others either abroad or in their owne families, by instructing their children in Popish Religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest service or trust, but such as concur with them in opinion of religion: and what be their names that so do?
- 22 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from Diuine service, or from the Communion as is aforesaid: whether of any long time, or only since his Maiesties raighe, and how long?
- 23 What persons aforesaid within your parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, doe remaine excommunicated: what bee their names: and for what cause: and how long haue they so stood excommunicate?
- 24 Whether were you the Churchwardens and Quessmen chosen by the consent of the Spinister and parishioners in Easterweeke, according vnto the 89. and 90. canons: and whether haue the churchwardens before you giuen by a iust accompt for their time, and deliuered to you their Successors, whatsoeuer money or other things of right belonging to the church, which was in their hands, according to the 89. Canon?
- 25 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of sixtene yeeres vsualie resort to heare Diuine service vpon sondaies and holidaies appoyned, and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of sixtene yeeres as aforesaide) receiued the holy communion thrice this last yeare, chiefly once at Easter in your Parish Church kneeling: If no, then you shall present their names, which haue not so done?
- 26 Whether haue you a fit Parish Clerke, aged 20. yeeres at least, of honest conuersation & sufficient for reading and writting: and whether he be payed his wages without fraude according to the most auncient customs of your Parish: If not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied?

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denied: and whether he be chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom according to the 91. Canon.

27 Whether haue any in your Parish bene married within the prohibite degrees, forbidden by the Lawe, and expressed in a certaine Table published by authoritie in Anno 1563: If yea, then you shall present their names, and whether haue you the said Table publickly set vp in your Church, and fastened to some conuenient place:

28 Whether doth any heretofore diuorced kepe company with any other at bed and at board as man & wife: what be their names: when and where they married: and how long haue they so continued:

29 Whether haue you any in your Parish, which heretofore being popish Recusants or Sectaries, haue since conformed themselves & come to Church to heare Divine, seruice and receiue the Sacraments: If yea, then who they are: And how long since haue they so conformed themselves: and whether doe they still remaine and abide in that conformity:

30 Whether haue you any in your parish to your knowledg or by common fame and report, which haue committed adulterie, fornication, or incest, or any badnes harborers or receiuers of such persons, or publickly suspected thereof, which haue not been publickly punished to your knowledge: If yea, then with whom, and whether are there anie which are by common fame and report reputed & taken to be common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and vsual swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord amongst their neighbours, or speakers against Ministers marriages, Usurers contrarie to the statute made in the 37. yeare of K. Henry the eight, Symoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers or quarrellers in Church or Churchyard: you shall not faile to present their names.

31 Whether haue any in your parish receiued or harboured any woman gotten with childe out of wedlock, and suffered them againe to depart without penance first inflicted vpon them by their ordinary: You shall truely present aswel the partie harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to haue committed incontinencie with her.

32 Whether anie person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of Incontinency, and therfore departing out of your parish for a season, is now returned againe: or in what place else is he or she now abiding to your knowledg, or as you haue heard: you shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

33 Whether are there in your parish anie wils not yet proued, or goods of the dead dying intestate, left vnadministred by the authority of the Ordinarie in that behalfe: you shall not faile to present the Executors and all others faulty and culpable therein.



34 Whether do any of your parish affirme, or haue affirmed that the sacred Synode of this nation assembled by the Kings authority is not the true Church of England by representation of both or both any of your parish affirme, that no persons either of the Clergie or La tie, that were not personally present in the said late Synode, are subiect to the decrees thereof in causes Ecclesiasticall made and ratified by the Kings supream authority, because they gave not by their voices into them: you shall present their names.

35 Whether is there any among you, that haue or doe beate the aforesaid late Synode, saying or affirming, that the same was a company of such persons as did conspire together against godly and religious Professors of the Gospell, and that therefore both they and their proceedings in that behalfe are and ought to be dispised and condemned, or words to the like effect: you shall not faile to present their names.

36 Whether there bee any person or persons Ecclesiasticall or temporall within your Parish or else where within this Dioces, that haue retained and kept in their custodie; or that read, sell, utter, disperse, carry or deliuer to others any English books, or Libels set forth either on this side or beyond the seas, by Papists or Hereticks, against the Kings supreamie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or against true Religion and Catholick doctrine now publickely professed in this Church; or the government or Discipline of the Church of England, now within this Realm receiued and established by common authority, and what their names and surnames are?

37 Whether there bee any in your parish who are noted, knowne or suspected to conceale or keep hidde in their houses any Masse books, popes testes, breuaries, or other bookes of Popery and superstition, or any Chalice, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition, wanevelled or vndeaced, which it is to be coniectured, they doe keepe for a day, as they call it?

38 Whether any of your Parishioners hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers?

39 Whether there be any Inkeepers, Alewives, Winemakers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons in their houses to eate, drinke, or play at dice, cards, tables, bowles, or such like games, in the time of common prayer or sermon on the Sonndates, or Holidayes: or any Butchers, or other that commonly doe sell swine, or other things in the time of common prayer, preaching or reading of Homilies: and whether in faires or common Markets selling upon Holidayes, there be selling of any wares before morning prayer be done and whether any Markets and selling of wares be done on Sundayes in



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any Churchwards on the Sabbath day by common packmen and pedlers going about, or any Butchers :

40 Whether hath your Minister or any of the parish without the consent or primitie of the Ordinarie, caused any to doe penance or be punished either openly or otherwise, for any crime punishable by the Ecclesiastical lawes onely, and what be the names of the parties that haue bene so punished, and in what manner :

41 Whether there be any in your Parish, who will come to heare the sermon, but will not come to the publique prayer appointed by the booke of common prayer, making a schisme or diuision (as it were) betwaine the vse of publike prayer, & preaching: and whether there be any, who being present at publick prayer, do not deuoutly and humbly kneele by on their knees, at such times as by the booke of common prayer they are appointed, to wit, when they make a generall confession of their sinnes: when all prayers and collects are read: in the time of the Letanie: when the ten Commandements are read: and at the receiuing of the holy communion: and what are their names, that haue at any time shewed themselves vndutifull and vnrerent in that behalfe :

42 Whether there be any married woman or others within your Parish, which after childbirth, refuse or contemne to come to the Church to giue God thanks for their deliuerie, and to haue the prayers publickly appointed on that behalfe by the booke of common prayer:

43 Whether any within your parish doe resort vnto Farnes, fieldes, woods, priuate houses, or to any extraordinary exposition of scriptures: or conferences together: or that be draiwers or perswaders of others to any such schismaticall conuenticles :

44 Whether any doe keepe their children unbaptized longer then is conuenient, vntilke that it be for sicknesse of the child, or other vrgent occasion: And whether any doe carrie their children from the Parish they are bozne in, to other Parishes to be baptized, and so refuse their owne Parish: or doe bring strange Ministers into their owne houses to baptize their children priuately according to their owne fantasies:

45 Item, whether haue you any Coniurers, Charmers, calcours, Witches, or Fortune-tellers within your Parish: who are they, and who doe resort to them for counsell:

46 Item, haue you the Churchwardens exhibited into the Bishoppes Registerie a true copie of the names of all such as haue bene christened, married, or buried within your parish this last yere, according to the 70. Canon:

47 Item, whether hath the first of August, and the fifth of Nouember bene kept holy, and thanksgiuings made to God, for his Mercie.

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And the Statute happy remembrance according to the Ordinance in that behalfe :

48 Item, whether have you, or your Predecessors Churchwardens, (according to the branch of a Statute mentioned in the latter end of this booke) levied twelue pence for every Sondays absence to the use of the poore of your parish, of the lands, goods, and tenements of every one that hath without lawful excuse absented himselfe from his parish church: if not, you are to present it your selues by vertue of your oaths: If yea, then hath the money bene employed to that use, and distributed accordingly.

49 Whether do you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy the presentment in your iudgement, above not expressed, which you hold fit to be reformed: and if you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oaths.

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